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Canaries sing on alleged tax cheat

Nabbed in Canary Islands. Woman fled Canada during trial for $10-million tax fraud

Court case

- The federal government says it paid out more than $10 million in fake refunds to Doreen Tennina's clients in the 2002-05 taxation years.
- Police also charged her with a second fraud count for evading $636,000 in income tax on her own company's earnings.

A Canadian who skipped the country at the start of her tax-fraud trial more than a year ago is in custody in the Canary Islands.

Federal prosecutors confirmed late Friday that Spanish police had "intercepted" alleged fraudster Doreen Tennina of Vaughan over the past week on the island of Tenerife, off the African coast.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions said authorities in Ottawa are working on a formal extradition request for Tennina's return to Canada.

Police apprehended Tennina, who is in her mid-sixties, on the island where she held an ownership interest in two apartments. She also owned property in the Toronto area at one time before transferring some of it to her daughter.

The Canada Revenue Agency charged Tennina, who operated a tax-preparation firm, Executive Accounting, in 2009.

The CRA alleged she submitted false donation amounts on about 4,200 income tax forms, issued phoney receipts for them and also submitted false carrying costs. Those latter costs relate to claims on the forms for deductions on interest payments for investment loans.

Her trial in Newmarket had started in March of last year but came to a halt after only a few days when Tennina disappeared. Evidence later showed Tennina, who drove a Jaguar, wore diamond rings and gambled in casinos, had boarded an Air Canada flight to Heathrow Airport in London several hours after a court adjournment on April 19.

Justice Cory Gilmore of the Ontario Superior Court issued a warrant for her arrest and an international manhunt ensued. The judge also suspended the trial until January of this year when it resumed with Tennina in absentia. She had represented herself in earlier proceedings.

The trial ended later that month and Gilmore plans to release her judgment at the end of May.

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MEETING HEAD-ON

The wait is finally over. Because the Ottawa Senators beat the Boston Bruins 4-2 on Sunday, giving the Northeast Division title to the Montreal Canadiens, the Leafs will face the Bruins in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs. Read more about the matchup on page 6. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

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Tens of thousands turn out on Khalsa Day to celebrate the Sikh New Year

Children march during the 28th annual Khalsa Day celebrations on Sunday. The festivities began with prayers, hymns and recitals at the CNE in the morning. In the afternoon, more than 75,000 people participated in the Khalsa Day parade that ended at Nathan Phillips Square. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Study ties 'easier' courses to kids from low-income homes

'Streaming' alive and well. Applied math more popular as home income decreases: Study

Ontario may have officially done away with "streaming" in high schools well over a decade ago, but in reality the controversial practice continues — and with the same troubling patterns.

Teens from low-income homes make up the bulk of those taking non-academic credits, a study by People for Education has found.

The numbers show the lower the average family income at a particular secondary school, the higher the percentage of students taking applied math.

In schools where the average family income is $60,000, more than half of students are enrolled in applied math. In schools where families earn an average of $110,000 a year, fewer than 10 per cent of students take that course.

"It is startling, and it is coupled with the fact that, according to lots of different reports, kids in applied have a much lower chance of graduating, of succeeding, of getting all their credits," said Annie Kidder, executive director of the research and advocacy group. Nor are those students likely to go on to college or university.

The People for Education report warns: "Unless we assume that wealthier students are inherently more academically capable, this correlation ... is disturbing."

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Flashback

What is 'streaming?'

In the late 1980s, debate raged about streaming into basic (vocational), general (college-bound) and advanced (university-bound) levels upon entering high school.

At the time, the Toronto school board estimated teens from low-income homes were 23 times more likely to be in the basic and general levels. Streaming was seen as a huge factor to high dropout rates.

Since 1999, the Ontario government has revamped the curriculum. In theory, the same material is to be covered in all courses, with the academic being more theoretical and the applied more hands-on. However, applied courses are perceived as easier.

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Dylan Palumbo. Murder victim remembered by friends as 'comedian'

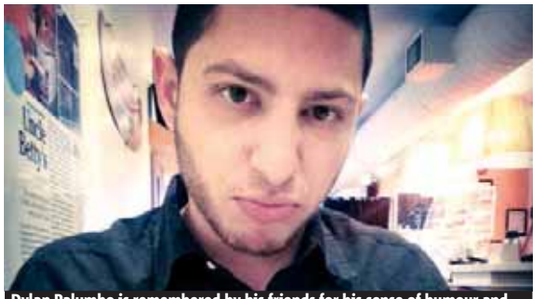
To family and friends, Dylan Palumbo was known as a class clown. So when they first heard about his murder, they assumed it was a cruel joke.

"We were hoping it was an elaborate prank," said high school friend Chris Orbz, 28.

But there was no humour in Palumbo's girlfriend's voice when she broke the news to Orbz. "You could tell she was still in shock," he said

Palumbo was stabbed to death Thursday night in his home on Bogert Ave. as he stepped out of his shower.

Two armed men broke into his ground-floor apartment demanding cash and drugs, say police. Four people were inside Palumbo's home at the time of the attack. Police say one intruder held one occupant at gunpoint. Officers have made no arrests at this time, but are searching for two suspects, described as having a light-brown complexion and standing around five-foot-eight. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



Dylan Palumbo is remembered by his friends for his sense of humour and talents, which were only starting to bloom. FACEBOOK.COM

Kwado (Kojo) Mensah. Mayor Ford pays tribute to former Don Bosco Eagle

It was a phone call that stunned Toronto Mayor Rob Ford.

"Did you hear what happened to Kojo?" the caller asked.

He hadn't.

Kwado (Kojo) Mensah was gunned down last week in Scarborough. Ford said he coached the 20-year-old a few years back when Mensah played for the Don Bosco Eagles.

"He was truly a very nice, polite young man," Ford said Sunday on his weekly Newstalk 1010 radio show, which he opened with a tribute to Mensah. "He never gave us any problems, and he was a phenomenal football player. And it tears me apart when things like that happen so close to home.

"I love you, kiddo."

Mensah was found in a grassy pathway near the Grace Hartman Housing Co-op at Morningside and Old Finch Aves. He had been shot in the chest and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The mayor said he had spoken to the victim's mother and planned to visit with her Sunday.

Police say Mensah's death was connected to a later shooting Thursday. A 32-year-old man arrived at a hospital with a gunshot wound to his lower body and was treated for non-life threatening injuries.

Police are still searching for a suspect, whom they describe as a black man with medium complexion, between 18 and 20, and about five-foot-nine with a medium build and short black hair. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kwado (Kojo) Mensah, 20 CONTRIBUTED

Mississauga

Man hit, killed by GO Transit train

Police say alcohol may have been a factor in the death of a pedestrian who was struck by a GO Transit train west of Toronto early Sunday morning. Peel police Const. Fiona Thivierge says the 27-year-old man was walking by himself along the tracks around 1:20 a.m. in Mississauga when he was hit and killed by a westbound Lakeshore line train. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Forum Research survey

Liberals jump to tie with Tories

Premier Kathleen Wynne's minority Liberals have jumped into a first-place tie with Tim Hudak's Progressive Conservatives at the expense of Andrea Horwath's New Democrats, a new poll has found. The Liberals and Conservatives are each at 36 per cent while the NDP has slipped further behind to 24 per cent, according to the survey. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

War of 1812

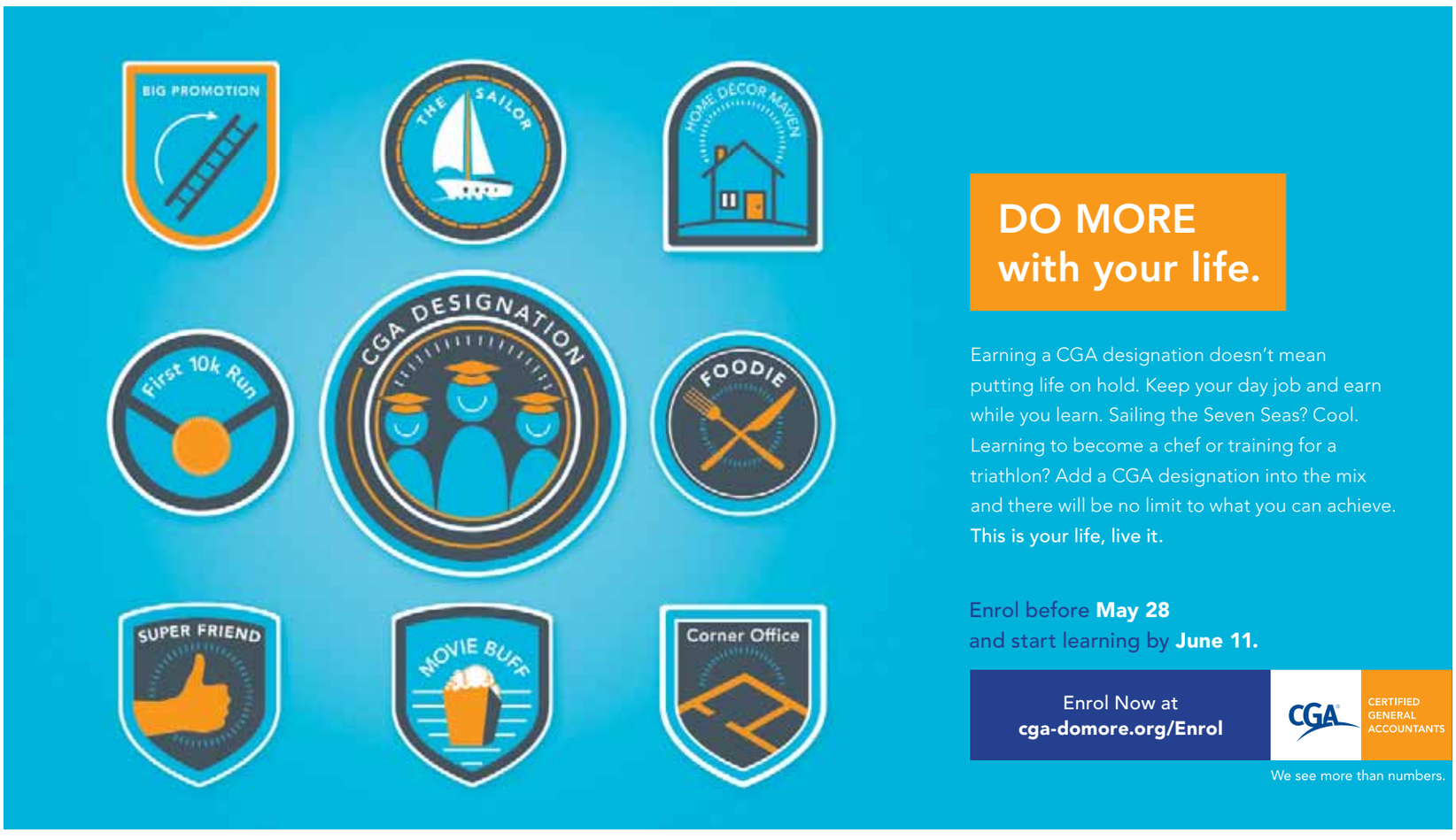
... So who covers the late fee?

Three books, symbolizing the stash looted from the city's only library during the Battle of York on April 27, 1813, were returned Sunday to the Toronto Reference Library. In a ceremony, Constance Barone, of Sackets Harbor, N.Y., righted the centuries-old wrong which occurred during the war between the U.S. and Canada. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Talks on taxes for transit

Extending Bloor-Danforth line?

Some Scarborough councillors want to put a subway back on the map. Glenn De Baeremaeker, who represents Ward 38 Scarborough Centre, said if the province does adopt new taxes and fees to pay for transit infrastructure, the $500 million needed to extend the Bloor-Danforth line should come out of that money. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE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Northeast throwdown

TORONTO

The decision is finally in: After losing to the Ottawa Senators Sunday night, the Boston Bruins will be heading into the playoffs against the Toronto Maple Leafs. Before they battle it out on the ice, let's see how the teams' home cities fare when they go toe-to-toe.

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Stanley Cup wins

The Toronto Maple Leafs have won the Stanley Cup 13 times in total, with their last win in 1967. They won once each as the Toronto Arenas and St. Patricks.

The Boston Bruins have a total of six Stanley Cup wins. The most recent one was in 2011.

Tallest building

Excluding the CN Tower, the tallest office building in Toronto is First Canadian Place, measuring 298 metres with 72 floors. Built back in 1976, it ranks as the 15th tallest building in North America.

Measuring 241 metres tall, the 60-storey John Hancock Tower is the tallest building in New England and the 50th tallest building in the U.S.

Homegrown celebrities

Comedians Jim Carrey and Mike Myers, Juno Award-winner Drake, and Happy Endings star Elisha Cuthbert are all from Toronto.

Boston has churned out some big celebrities over the years, including Mark Wahlberg, Matt Damon, Edward Norton and Uma Thurman.

Bar hours

Most bars in the city close around 2 a.m.

Boston's nightlife may be a bit lacking for the night owls. Many of its bars close their doors well before 2 a.m.

World rankings

Toronto ranked 15th out of 50 cities worldwide in the Mercer Quality of Living survey, which evaluates urban centres based on political, social, economic and environmental factors including safety, public services and transportation. Boston didn't make the list.

Boston earned the No. 1 spot in the Innovation Cities Global Index 2012-13, which measures each city's potential as an innovation economy. Toronto was No. 11 on a list of the top 133 cities ranked.

Team mascot

Leafs mascot Carlton the Bear is cute and cuddly and was named chair of the first annual mascot summit, held during the NHL's 50th all-star game in Toronto in 2000. He's appeared in 20 arenas so far, making him one of the most travelled mascots in the NHL.

Boston's mascot is an aggressive and athletic-looking bear called Blades the Bruin. He is one of the newest additions to the NHL family.

Mayor

Mayor Rob Ford has been embroiled in a string of scandals since he came into office. From distracted driving to alleged sexual advances to his conflict-of-interest battle, the list goes on and on.

Mayor Thomas Menino, who has served for an unprecedented five terms, is a popular political figure in Boston. He's been praised by the public for his response and work to bring the city together after the deadly Boston Marathon bombing, despite his health problems.

Weather: Who has the worst winter?

Toronto usually sees about 133 cm of snow a year. The city's average temperature ranges from -7 C in winter to 26 C in summer, according to the Weather Network.

Warmer by roughly four degrees Celsius on average, Boston's winter is slightly milder than Toronto's. But it's also wetter there, with Boston receiving about 335 mm more precipitation than Toronto.

Relatives of missing workers in a building that collapsed on Wednesday hold pictures of their family members in Savar, near Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Sunday. KEVIN FRAYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fire breaks out amid rescue efforts at collapsed building

Bangladesh. Owner of the illegally-constructed building, Mohammed Sohel Rana, arrested as he was about to flee across border into India

A fire broke out late Sunday in the wreckage of the garment factory that collapsed last week in Bangladesh, with smoke pouring from the piles of shattered concrete and some of the rescue efforts forced to stop.

The fire came four days after the collapse, as rescuers were trying to free a woman they found trapped in the rubble. The flames broke out when sparks were generated by those rescuers trying to cut through a steel rod to reach the woman, said a volunteer rescuer, Syed Al-Amin Roman. At least three rescue workers were injured in the fire, he said.

Rescuers have retreated from the part of the wreckage where the fire erupted, but were still trying to reach any possible survivors in other parts of the building.

It wasn't immediately clear what happened to the trapped woman. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Play-acting gruesome real-life events

Current events have always inspired Ottawa art photographer Jonathan Hobin. His latest is a controversial series called "In the Playroom." Each of the photos in the series depicts children at play re-enacting tragic public events. GOT HIM!, above, shows two children pretending to be a marine, left, with a toy gun shooting Osama Bin Laden, right, in a messy ketchup-blood scene. TEXT: BEN MAKUCH / THE CANADIAN PRESS; PHOTO: JONATHAN HOBIN, HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta

More workers join prison guards in strike, union says

More provincial workers are joining Alberta's prison guards in a wildcat strike, according to their union, while the government counters the union is spreading rumours and many guards are actually returning to work. Tyler Bedford, a spokesman for the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees, announced Sunday that provincial sheriffs in Edmonton and Calgary will join the strike by hundreds of jail guards. The sheriffs are members of the same AUPE local as the guards.

"Provincial sheriffs in Edmonton and Calgary voted overwhelmingly to support the striking guards," said Bedford, who noted the sheriffs patrol highways and also provide security in courthouses and prisoner escorts.

Justice and solicitor general spokesman Josh Stewart, however, said the number of pickets on Sunday dropped from the day before and that many guards across the province have heeded a labour board order issued Saturday that their strike was illegal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The first 12 months

Home ownership. Be prepared for short-term expenses that will balance out in the long term

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For Metro

Seasonal items like lawn mowers can be bought over the course of a year to balance out a budget when moving into a home. JUPITERIMAGES/COMSTOCK/THINKSTOCK

Does it seem like each time you unpack a moving box you hear "cha-ching" in the background.

Not only are you on the hook for paying a mortgage, you have undoubtedly realized you have one-time "set-up" expenses. A simple trip to Walmart for cleaning supplies or the first grocery shopping trip for your new place can cost hundreds of dollars.

But don't fret. New homeowners typically find their expenses level out within 12 months of taking possession.

Try to prepare yourself by creating a budget to manage your first-year cash flow. In the budget, identify critical items that must be purchased in your first month, like furnace filters, new locks, garbage bags, paper towels, and vacuums.

Seasonal items can be purchased over the course of 12 months, like snow shovels, sidewalk salt, window washing squeegees, lawn mowers, flower planters, hoses, brooms, tools, and more.

Many new homeowners feel the need to furnish and decorate immediately, but take your time to search for deals. Not rushing to purchase a must-have sofa could save you hundreds by waiting for a sale.

As with most things in life, buying higher quality items typically pays off. So try to purchase quality used appliances, furniture, and home-care products through Kijiji, Craigslist or local consignment shops.

Some first-year expenses can surprise new homeowners. Regular maintenance bills for heating and cooling systems or hiring a plumber to fix a leaky tap can run upwards of $300. Tree pruning and roof maintenance can cost thousands. Emergencies are even more expensive.

To avoid racking up your credit card, do your best to plan for known expenses and set aside money every month for the unexpected ones.

Rest assured your cash flow will settle since you aren't going to need to purchase a new lawn mower every year. And if you are feeling bogged down by all the expenses, remember that home ownership is empowering and allows you to build equity in an asset.

Maintenance fund

- Regular home maintenance will protect homeowners from many unwanted issues like mould or premature furnace replacement. Most experts recommend that homeowners spend between one and three per cent of the value of their home on maintenances each year. Consider setting aside money in a maintenance fund.

Repairs. Frugal ways to fix up your home

Does your new place need a pick-me-up?

Perhaps the appliances, paint or lighting aren't suited to your tastes. Or maybe you plan to live there for a short time and only want to upgrade the bare essentials. Whatever your situation, there are plenty of frugal home improvements that will add value to your new digs.

Before you take a sledgehammer to your dilapidated 50-year-old garage, step back and make a list of the repairs or replacements you want to make to your home. It helps to consult your home inspection report since it lists what needs attention and how critical the item is.

Next, prioritize the items — hint, furnace repairs are essential in Canada and should take precedence over installing a built-in Ping-Pong table.

Then investigate the costs of each item.

If you are like most new homeowners, your list of improvements adds up to be something quite substantial. So stick to a budget and work through your list over the course of a few years.

Kick off your improvements with 50 to 100 hours of thorough cleaning — cabinets, drapes, floors, walls, closets, knobs, handles and more. This action is free and will allow you to better determine whether you can repair, rather than replace, certain aspects of the home. This can save thousands of dollars.

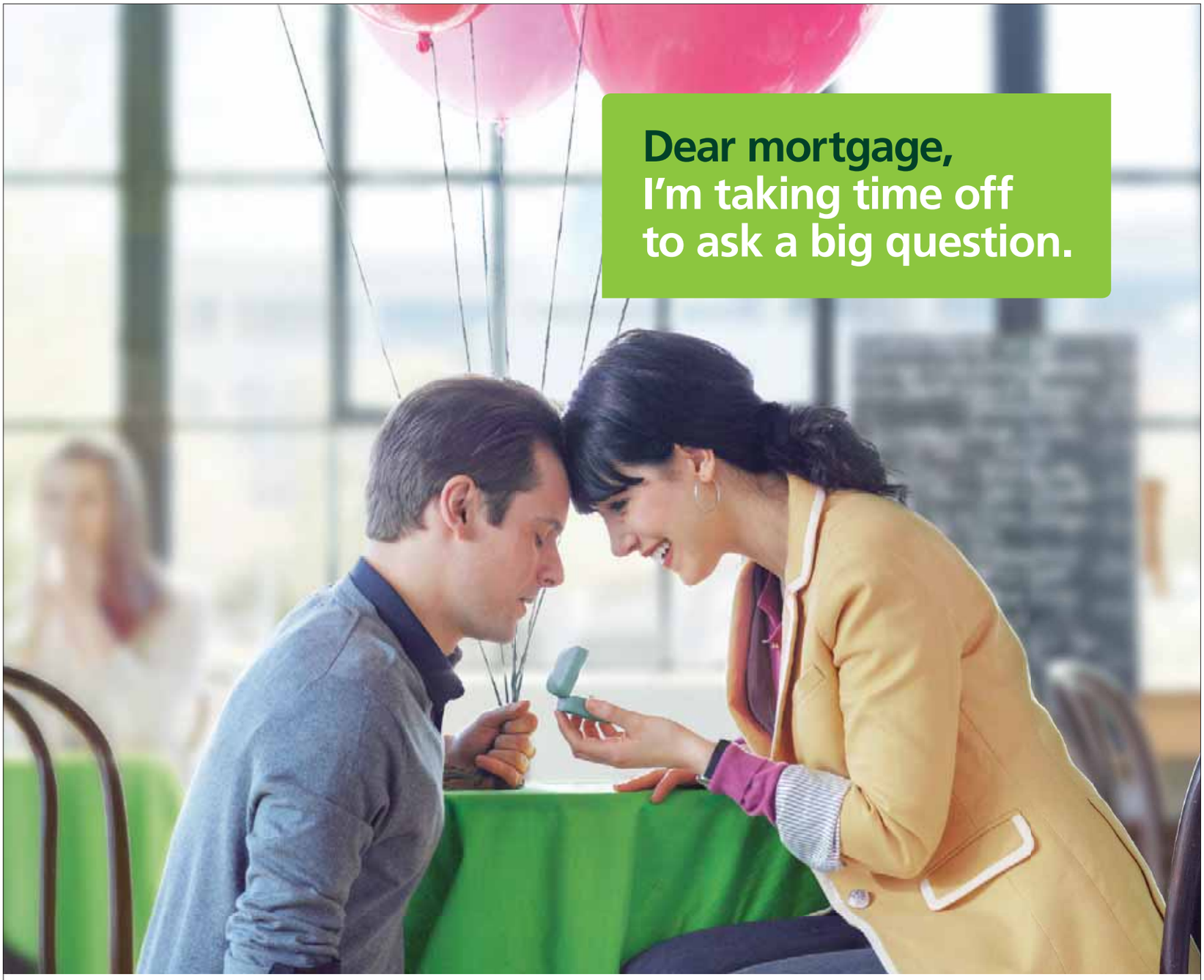
Move to the highest impact items next. Have your furnace, water heater and air conditioning unit inspected, repaired and cleaned. Upgrade appliances, faucets, refinish cabinets, re-grout tiles, and replace knobs and toilet seats. Reduce clutter by setting up well-designed storage spaces. Update light fixtures, carpets or refinish worn-out hardwood. Hire an electrician and plumber to fix any issues. Paint your walls and furnish your home with appealing items.

Many affordable home improvements can be completed by you, which saves money. When purchasing supplies, furniture or appliances, check for gently used items on eBay, Craigslist or Kijiji (I bought a new stove, still in its original wrapping, for $60).

It's easy to add value to your home through sweat equity and affordable upgrades. LESLEY SCORGIE

Hiring a contractor

- Sometimes home renovations require the services of a contractor. Check that your contractor has a valid licence (issued by the government). Ask for at least three references and view past work the contractor completed. If you are satisfied, review the contractor's contract with your lawyer, paying special attention to terms and conditions. Professional contractor Mike Holmes' website (makeitright.ca) has great suggestions on home renovations.



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Rejected

Prison interview with Omar Khadr overruled by Toews

A federal cabinet minister rejected a request for a prison interview with former Guantanamo Bay detainee Omar Khadr even though the warden gave it a green light — a move some are denouncing as extraordinary political interference.

Documents obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act show the warden of Millhaven Institution, where Khadr is in maximum security, approved the interview request made by the news agency in January, only to be overruled.

The refusal came from the office of Public Safety Minister Vic Toews to Correctional Service Canada, records show.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Boston bombings

FBI investigating whether suspects got training: Lawmaker

The FBI is investigating in the United States and overseas to determine whether the suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing received training that helped them carry out the attack, the chairman of the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee said Sunday. Rep. Michael McCaul spoke a day after U.S. officials disclosed that Russian authorities secretly recorded a telephone conversation in 2011 in which one of the two brothers suspected in the attack, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, vaguely discussed jihad with his mother.

The father, meanwhile, said from Russia on Sunday he is postponing a trip to the U.S. because of poor health. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cops shot outside Italian PM's office

Target. Violence comes as Italy's new government is sworn in

An unemployed bricklayer shot two Italian policemen in a crowded square outside the prime minister's office in Rome Sunday just as Italy's new government was being sworn in, investigators said.

The gunman's intended target was politicians, but none were in the square so he shot at the Carabinieiri paramilitary police, Rome Prosecutor Pierfilippo Laviani told reporters, citing what he said were the suspect's own words.

One policemen shot in the neck was in critical condition. The other, shot in the leg, suffered a fracture, doctors said.

Mired in recession and suffering from soaring unemployment, Italy has been in political paralysis since an inconclusive February election. Social and political tensions have been running high among voters divided between centre-left, conservative and anti-government political parties.

Sunday was supposed to be a hopeful day when the debt-ridden nation finally got a new government to solve its many problems. But shots rang out in Piazza Colonna near a busy shopping and strolling area shortly after 11:30 a.m., just as Prime Minister Enrico Letta and his new ministers were taking their oaths at the Quirinal presidential office about a kilometre away.

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Building collapses in France

A possible gas explosion ripped off the side of a five-storey residential building in Reims, France, on Sunday, killing at least three people and injuring 14 others, officials said. JACQUES BRINON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Who's the space cadet on the new $5 bill?

Funny money. Dextre, Canada's extraterrestrial robotic go-to guy, rockets to fame on plastic notes — leaving focus groups scratching their heads

The Canadian Space Agency's robotic handyman, known as Dextre, ferries cargo from the Kounotori2 cargo ship to the International Space Station in this February 2011 file photo. Dextre will be featured on one of the Bank of Canada's new plastic notes. NASA/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

The Bank of Canada is set to unveil its latest plastic bank notes this week — but documents show some people found one of the new bills too "cartoonish" and the other too old-fashioned.

Focus groups consulted about the proposed images for the new bank note series thought the space motif of the new $5 bill looked childish.

"There is a perception that the note looks 'cartoonish' or too child-like," says a 2009 report commissioned by the bank from The Strategic Counsel, obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

Others were left scratching their heads over the depiction of Dextre, a Canadian robotic handyman on board the International Space Station. Some people wrongly assumed Dextre was the name of an astronaut shown on the bill, while others had no clue who the name referred to.

"Dextre is not recognized — although once explained, it is accepted as an element of Canada's contribution to space technology that should be kept," the report says.

"The image of the space station is not recognized. It is confused with a concept drawing."

But if some people were stumped by the space-age technology on the $5 bill, others complained the train on the new $10s looked too quaint.

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Beef industry to propose using irradiation

Steaks are displayed at a grocery store in this file photo. Canada's beef industry is about to ask the federal government to approve the use of irradiation in meat-processing plants to kill E. coli bacteria. Irradiation involves bombarding meat with radiant energy similar to X-rays.

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Nanticoke. U.S. Steel locks out workers

The U.S. Steel logo is shown outside the firm's headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pa., in this 2010 file photo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

U.S. Steel locked out almost 1,000 unionized workers at its facility in Nanticoke, Ont., Sunday, raising questions from employees about promises the company made to the federal government about continuing production in Canada.

The company shut the gates of its Lake Erie Works plant, located about 130 kilometres southwest of Toronto, at 9 a.m. just as it had warned it would, leaving hundreds of angry workers gathered outside.

"The gates are now closed on one of the most productive steel mills in North America, one of the most efficient steel mills in North America," said Bill Ferguson, president of Steelworkers Local 8782.

"From what we can see, production has been shifted to the United States." The company did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

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Trade

U.S. border fee not going to happen, congressman says

A U.S. congressman says Canadians should not be overly concerned about a proposed border crossing fee, saying it just isn't going to happen. Representative Brian Higgins, from Buffalo, told CTV's Question Period Sunday he has allies in the U.S. Congress who will stop any legislation that includes a fee. Higgins, a member of the Homeland security committee, has been a vocal critic of a proposed study on a border fee since it was spotted last week buried in the department's 2014 budget. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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KAREN STINTZ'S NEXT BIG MOVE

URBAN COMPASS

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Within the next couple of weeks, TTC chair Karen Stintz will help lead a revolt at city hall, joining with more than 30 of her council colleagues to force a reversal on a decision made by Mayor Rob Ford relating to the future of Toronto's transportation system.

It'll be the second time she's done it. Call it an anticipated sequel to last year's surprise box office smash. This is Stintz vs. Ford II: The Reckoning.

The first time, of course, the issue was subways-versus-LRTs — more or less. Back then, the mayor was stuck on this notion that Toronto could build a subway extension with private sector dollars. Experts said it couldn't be done and that the TTC could serve far more riders for far less money with light rail transit. Stintz broke ranks with the mayor and went with the experts, winning a series of decisive council votes. Roll credits.

This new battle has to do with future transit expansion. The province is looking for $50 billion to expand transportation infrastructure across the GTA, necessary if we want to prevent commute times from rising from the current level of "this sucks" to new heights of "this really, really sucks."

Ford, though, opted last week to use the powers of his executive committee to halt debate on the issue of new taxes for transit funding, effectively trying to bury the idea. Enter Stintz (again), who immediately indicated that city council would have the votes to overrule the mayor and force a debate.

And, oh yeah, the TTC chair also said that Ford has no vision for transit or the city.

Her comments immediately sparked breathless speculation about whether all this is a sign that Stintz is gearing up for a mayoral run in 2014. I don't think that it is. That take on events strikes me as cynical, as if the only reason any politician would stand up to the mayor is because she wants his job.

No, if anything, Stintz's decisions relating to her skirmishes with Ford have been characterized by a lack of political calculation. She's taken big risks and alienated herself from various right-wing political forces who once supported her. If a better job title is all she's after, I can think of safer strategies.

Instead, consider this: Maybe Stintz's big moves are driven not by political ambition but by a need to do what she thinks is right, even if that means conflict or consequence. And maybe it's that — and not some carefully cultivated strategy — that makes her appealing as a would-be mayoral candidate.

In other words, maybe it's just that this city is looking for a leader who isn't afraid of a fight.

Stintz vs. Ford

She's taken big risks and alienated herself from various right-wing political forces who once supported her.

Read more of Matt's blog, Ford for Toronto, at metronews.ca

ZOOM

Half military, half citizenry

ILYA PITALEV/2013 SONY WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS

Pyongyang crowd picture wins award

"In Pyongyang, half the people I saw were army men, the other half were civilians." These words by Ilya Pitalev are perfectly illustrated by his shot of soldiers and citizens in Kim Il-sung Stadium. Pitalev won the current affairs category at this year's Sony World Photography awards for his images of North Korea. **METRO**

Q and A

A microcosm of North Korea

ILYA PITALEV
Photographer for RIA Novosti news agency, 42, from Moscow

How did you capture this striking juxtaposition?
The shot was taken inside Kim Il-sung Stadium. When the crowds first caught my eye, I could simply make out a geometric line dividing the people in two. There and then, I didn't think it was some profound or philosophical photograph — above all, it was a good, visual shot. But then after some time, I began to understand that the image reveals something about the country and its society.

What would you tell the world about North Korea?
That people there have their own celebrations in life and can find happiness. But they exist in a separate world, difficult for understanding from outside the country.

Clickbait

OK, it's time to mix up the 24-hour news updates, sports highlights and celebrity gossip that flood your Twitter feed, and incorporate some nonsensical, but punny accounts that pack their 140-character posts with something to snicker about.

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@Pundamentalism:

With puns such as, "Damn girl, you must be an English teacher, because when you're around I'm careful with the use of my colon," and, "If Satan loses his hair, there'll be Hell toupée," and other updates that vary between LQTMS and LOL, for example, "Thank-you for calling the Chronic Indecisiveness helpline. Please select one of the following 15 options," there isn't room for the mundane.

@SixthFormPoet:

If you can relate to self-deprecating humour with some intermittent cheesiness spliced into the mix, the Sixth Form Poet is just for you. With gems like , "'I'll have what she's having.' - Me, watching a woman having a nervous breakdown," and "'Never Eat Stolen Wheat.' - Moral compass," it's no wonder there is an entire book comprised of these jokes.

@GSElevator:

This overheard in the Goldman Sachs' elevator account is a cross between the likely and the too-good-to-be-true. Employees are encouraged to email awkward moments. Here's one glimpse into the lives of the one per cent: "#1: Spent last night pouring champagne, feeding her dessert, & telling stories of my trip to Bhutan. I've never been to Bhutan." No need to envy the proverbial fly on the wall.

Tweets

Don Cherry said the men's locker-room is no place for a woman, during his weekly Coach's Corner segment on Hockey Night in Canada Saturday night while discussing the controversy around Chicago Blackhawks defenceman Duncan Keith (whose comments to a female reporter have been called sexist).
Naturally, fans took to Twitter to comment. What's your stance? Let @metropicks know.

@therealmcguirkk: don cherry bang on with his comments last night... imagine a male reporter in a female changeroom with naked women..oh the atrocity #feminazi

@Jare_Bear16: Rons face when don says women shouldnt be in the changeroom.. lmao

@mrcanadiantech: Looks like Don Cherry said something again, but I have to agree with him on this one.

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TV Briefs

Two and a Half Men losing cast?

CBS announced on Twitter last Friday that it's bringing Two and a Half Men back next season, but didn't address whether the full cast would return. The series stars Ashton Kutcher, Jon Cryer and Angus T. Jones as Cryer's son. Jones' character is serving in the Army this season and has been somewhat less visible on Two and a Half Men.

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Will Angus T. Jones return to Two and a Half Men?

GETTY IMAGES

NBC renews five dramas

Television producer Dick Wolf will be busy next year. NBC said Friday that it has renewed five of its dramas for next season. Two of them — the long-running Law & Order: Special Victims Unit and Chicago Fire — are made by Wolf and his team. Revolution, Parenthood and Grimm were also given the guarantee that they will go on for another year.

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Panic Button premieres Tuesday on Space. HANDOUT

Who's afraid of a big, bad show?

Panic Button. New series pits people against their primal fears — and the only prize is bragging rights

What is your deepest, darkest innermost fear?

Participants come face-to-face with what scares them most in Panic Button, which premieres Tuesday at 10 p.m. ET on Space.

Volunteers are outfitted in red jumpsuits and helmets and invited to wander through a Big-Brother-style house of horrors in an environment that is Saw scary. Besides all manner of psychological terror, including being blindfolded, confined in tight spaces and wading through muck, they also have to endure live snakes, spiders and rats.

It all takes place in what was — appropriately enough — once a slaughterhouse in Toronto's West End.

This too-much-reality series features many slasher film motifs. Stark white rooms with No Exit stencilled on the wall above the entranceway give way to darkened, creepy corridors littered with hoses, wires and ankle-deep swill. At one point, players are confined in a standup metal booth the size of a coffin, which is then pushed through a wall of flames.

That's the easy part. Then the critters are unleashed. In some episodes, even Dobermans.

"This is psychotic," says one woman who braved her way to level three.

A disclaimer at the end tells viewers that "No harm was done to any animal" during the course of production. But what about the humans?

Players are given red, lit panic buttons they wear on their suits and can push the second it all gets too intense. The surprise in the pilot is who slaps theirs first and who holds out until the bitter end.

Women, reports fellow producer Kevin Healey (Scare Tactics), are more likely to be brave and proceed farther into the maze. Men are generally fraidy cats. "Guys are falling like fall leaves," says Healey.

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Braff project Kickstarted. $2m for Garden State sequel reached with ease

Zach Braff has met his goal on Kickstarter, raising $2 million in three days to fund his follow-up to Garden State.

The actor-director's crowd-funding campaign follows Rob Thomas' wildly successful use of Kickstarter to finance a movie of the defunct TV series Veronica Mars. Thomas pulled in $2 million in less than a day, eventually gathering more than $5.7 million in 30 days.

But some observers have criticized Hollywood stars for using the Kickstarter website to dip into the pockets of their loyal fans. Braff has said this is the only way for him to direct his first film since Garden State with final cut and his desired casting.

After passing his goal Saturday, the Scrubs star said on Twitter: "I will not let you down. Let's go make a killer movie."

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Navajo the chosen one for new Star Wars dubbing treatment

Boost for ailing language. Native American tongue will receive much-needed attention as it's rarely used in the movies

The classic 1977 film that launched a science fiction empire and revealed the force within a farm boy who battles evil has been dubbed in Japanese, French, Spanish and about a dozen other languages. Add Navajo to the list.

Hans, Leia and Luke can now be heard with Navajo dubbing in the Star Wars movies. AP PHOTO/20TH CENTURY-FOX FILM CORPORATION

Manuelito Wheeler, the director of the Navajo Nation Museum who reached out to Lucasfilm Ltd. with the idea, has a very good feeling about this. He sees it as entertaining, educational and a way to preserve the Navajo language at a time when fewer tribal members are speaking it.

"That's the beauty of what we're doing; we're teaching Navajo language to anybody who wants to learn the Navajo language," Wheeler said. "I find that very rewarding and somewhat ironic. We went from a country that wanted to limit our language, to the Navajo language saving our country through Code Talkers, to our language being part of a major motion picture."

Quoted

"We're teaching the Navajo language to anyone who wants to learn the Navajo language."

Manuelito Wheeler, director of Navajo Nation Museum

Aboriginal languages on the big screen are a rarity. Independent films and documentaries at film festivals have been in the tongue of American Indian tribes. Yet it's far less common to see it done in mainstream movies and shown in commercial theatres.

A team of five Navajo speakers spent 36 hours translating the script for Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope, and now they're looking for fluent Navajo speakers to fill some two dozen roles.

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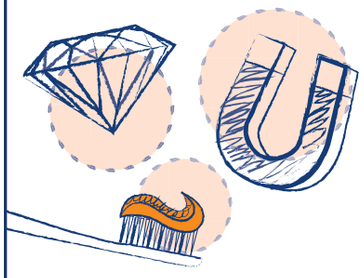

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Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Bieber and Gomez continue to play up their reconciliation

In what has to be the surest sign yet that Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez have rekindled their romance, the Canadian pop star posted a photo to Instagram over the weekend of himself hunched shirtless over his laptop with a squinty-eyed Gomez cosying up behind him, arms around his midsection.

And the caption his chose for the revealing photo he shared?

"'You've been makin' music for too long, babe. Come cuddle' — her."

And there's further speculation about just how long they've been back together, as the picture was taken before Bieber acquired the tiger tattoo on his bicep he debuted last week.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

McGowan is letting her hairstyle go to her head

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The newly platinum blonde actress Rose McGowan says her look is giving her a toughness she didn't have before.

"Part of (going blonde) is because I've been told (brunettes) look accessible and pleasing to the men in L.A. so as not to scare them. But then I realized I always scare them so f— it — I'm just going to do whatever I want and I've always wanted short platinum blonde hair so screw it....The men in Hollywood aren't men — they're guys like (whispers) Judd Apatow."

McGowan says this last part while making a face to suggest that Apatow doesn't chop his own wood, and adds, "Real men are hard to come by."

McGowan is so fierce during our recent interview on the Rooftop Terrace at Gramercy Park Hotel, it is hard to believe that the whole point in her talking to me is to promote the limited edition rose wine, Apothic Rose.

"I only drink Rosé, isn't that funny?" she says in a way that makes me feel it isn't contractually obligated. "I like it ghetto style — I usually pop an ice cube in it to chill it and take the sweetness out of it."

If you can't tell by now, McGowan isn't afraid to let loose on the current battle of the sexes in Hollywood.

"It's all frat guys; they condone sexism. The execs and the agents. They are people who went to law school and it wasn't sexy enough ... It's not like they want to be a part of great film making or anything," she said.

Martha Stewart

Martha Stewart finds online dating to be half baked

Martha Stewart once turned to online dating site Match.com to help her find a boyfriend — but she couldn't go through with it.

"I started laughing halfway down the page," she tells Matt Lauer in an interview. "It was, like, impossible."

But Stewart insists, at least, that if she does go through with an online dating profile, she wouldn't hide her identity.

"I want to do my real thing," she says.

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Drunk Mom tells painful story

As the mother of a newborn, Jowita Bydlowska justified her drinking as research for a novel about alcoholism. The final result? A memoir about her own struggles with addiction.

Drunk Mom (Random House, $22.95) is an agonizing catalogue of Bydlowska's drunken parenting failures, filled with excruciating details like the fact that she kept a secret stash of bottles in her son's sock drawer.

"I'm told that I have a dark sense of humour," says Bydlowska. "I don't know if I did it consciously, but you need a bit of relief."

She also writes with piercing honesty about using Google to determine if her breast milk was safe to drink, hiding bottles of vodka in her son's stroller and fighting with her partner, author and newspaper columnist Russell Smith.

After three and a half years of sobriety, Bydlowska had a drink at a friend's wedding in Warsaw before she knew she was pregnant.

She relapsed into full-blown alcoholism with a glass of champagne following the birth of her son.

She does wonder about what her son will think when he reads the book. "I certainly have this idea of him being a 13- or 14-year-old and throwing it at the wall," she says.

"My hope is that he'll read it with an open mind and an open heart. It's a memoir, but it's also a form of (making) amends."

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What to expect when you're expecting after the age of 35

Pregnancy.
Dr. Glade Curtis is a national authority on pregnancy. Now he turns his knowledge to the mid-30s set

NATALIE SHURE
Metro World News in New York City

As author of 18 books on women's and baby's health, Dr. Glade Curtis is a national authority on pregnancy.

A newly revised edition of Your Pregnancy: After 35 is the latest addition to the authoritative Your Pregnancy: Week by Week series, co-authored by consumer and family studies expert Judith Schuler.

The updates are geared toward an ever-increasing proportion of women who choose to have children in their mid- 30s and beyond.

What did you consider when updating this book?
I think it's critical, when people want information about their health and pregnancy, that the information is up-to-date. I looked at every part of it to add new information, including how the science has changed. I think one of the more exciting areas for this population of pregnant women is the things we're learning about genetics and genetic counseling.

What are the best parts about pregnancy at this age?
They're more informed, and they're more aware of potential risks and problems. They have taken good care of themselves — if you compare that to an 18-year-old who wasn't trying to get pregnant, then it becomes clear that we don't need to be scared to death of these pregnancies.

What do women find most useful about this book?
The most important thing is being armed with accurate information so that when they visit their doctors they can ask the appropriate questions. The other thing is reassurance. For any woman and any couple, being pregnant is scary — the book reassures women that these are normal things that are happening.

Women who are older than 35 are more aware of the potential risks that come with pregnancy. ISTOCK

What are some of the field's most important new medical advances?
One of the most exciting advances is all that has happened in ultrasound technology. Ultrasound has gotten so good, there are so many things we can do to evaluate the baby and help with the pregnancy.

What should expectant couples keep in mind during a pregnancy?
I think it's always important to remember to enjoy the miracle of birth. So, make sure you enjoy the excitement, the fun and the miracle of having a baby.

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In the kitchen, below the line

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What do celebs like Ben Affleck, Hugh Jackman, Canadian actor Ennis Esmer, Osman 'Oz' Bey of CTV's The Listener and Carrie-Lynn Neals of CityTv's Seed have in common with thousands of Canadians and Americans? They're all taking part in the Live Below the Line challenge, during which participants spend just $8.75 a week or roughly $1.75 per day ($1.50 in the United States) on all daily food and drink from today to May 3.

The $1.75 per day mark is the Canadian equivalent of the poverty line and the goal of this challenge is to begin a national dialogue to change the way Canadians think about the choices made every day by those living in extreme poverty.

In addition to raising awareness by partaking in the challenge, Canadians are raising funds for four partner organizations: Cuso International, Spread the Net, RESULTS Canada and Raising the Village.

"Living on $1.75 per day is not about pretending to be poor," says Erin Deviney, Canadian campaign manager of Live Below the Line. "It's about raising awareness of the difficult choices 1.4 billion people must make to survive each day and supporting partner organizations combating poverty."

Chef John Placko of Modern Culinary Academy, one of Canada's top culinary consultants, and food stylist Christina Frantzis have created recipes to help Canadians with the challenge.

Ingredients

- 100 g linguine
- 1/2 Italian sausage, casing removed
- 1 white mushroom, halved and sliced
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- Pinch of dried oregano

This dish costs $0.64 per person to make. MARTHA WEBER

Linguine with Sausage and Mushroom Ragout

1. Fill a medium-sized pot with water and bring to boil. Cook pasta according to package instructions then drain.

2. Add sausage to small pan and break it up while sautéing over medium heat until almost no pink remains.

3. Slice mushroom and add to a pan. Cook over moderate heat until softened.

4. Stir in tomato paste and reserved cooking water into sausage mixture and simmer until reduced by half. Add oregano and spoon sauce over pasta and enjoy. CHRISTINA FRANTZIS, FOOD STYLIST AND RECIPE DEVELOPER

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It is imperative that Gen Ys recognize the contribution of boomers, and by doing so they will hopefully pave the way for mutual respect. ISTOCK

The knowledge gap in the corporate world will widen if retiring baby boomers continue to do little to mentor younger workers, says Donna Stevenson, a business coach and recruiter who's studied the issue.

Stevenson surveyed 100 senior leaders and human resource managers across the country who told her baby boomers are reluctant to share their workplace expertise.

"This failure to pass on the torch will leave wastelands of organizational know-how as 50 per cent of baby boomers prepare to retire over the next seven years."

Since many senior management positions are held by boomers, and since the next group, known as Generation X (those born in the early '60s to early '80s), is too small to pick up the slack, it will be left to Generation Y (those born after the early '80s to 2000s) to do so.

"I was under the impression Generation Y didn't want to learn and that's not true at all," says Stevenson. "They want to move ahead. What we're pitching is the need for organizations to have a leadership legacy."

Her research also found that less than 25 per cent of companies have succession planning in place.

You got me all wrong

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The whys and the hows

Why are boomers less inclined to help younger workers? Here are four reasons that Stevenson's research identified, as well as how Gen Ys can overcome them and get a boomer boss to share their workplace expertise.

- **Boomers fear not being needed anymore.** Stevenson recommends younger employees use their technology related skills as bait. "Find boomers who are in roles you'd like and offer to help them learn social media skills, even if it's so they can communicate with their grandkids."
- **Boomers lack the time and resources to mentor.** Stevenson says what they're really saying is they don't know how to mentor. As a Gen Y employee trying to overcome this, get involved in a work project that will have a significant influence over the organization. By participating you're bound to at least pick up pointers from senior staff and perhaps even plant the seed for a mentoring relationship.
- **There's no mentoring motivation within the organization.** Gen Y subordinates should be more flexible in being available for senior leaders, says Burlington-based recruiter Claire Gibson. Try to find projects that you can collaborate on. Again, use your digital skills to turn boomers' heads.
- **There's no one in the organization worth mentoring.** This probably points to organizations that have poor mentoring cultures. Gen Y workers should try to find organizations that foster senior leaders who coach and guide. Ask during the interview process how the organization cultivates its mentors, says Gibson.

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Five important tips for managing your online reputation

JULIA FURLAN
Metro World News

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Commit to a professional online persona
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Monitor
Sign up for free, no-obligation alerts on a site that manages online reputations. Enter your name or other keywords and be alerted when potentially damaging materials are posted about you. At Reputation Changer, the technology crawls the "deep web" going beyond what search engines look at to see what dangers may exist.

Damage control

Prepare for the worst and react fast

- **Proactively build up some messages that you can release if a negative news story breaks.** If you believe that people may post negative or embarrassing things about you, try to head it off, but expect that you cannot.
- **Once it is out there you can only react to it.** If you need to apologize, do that, but don't debate online because it drags out the conversation. Shift the conversation to the things that you want people to focus on.

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Take proactive control
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Blue Jays bear brunt of Bronx Bombers' brooms

MLB. Yankees overcome deficit for fourth straight game to record series sweep

On Sunday

Yankees	Blue Jays
3	2

The last time R.A. Dickey had been on a pitcher's mound in New York, Mets fans showered him with affection in September after he became the team's first 20-game winner in more than two decades.

When he returned Sunday with the last-place Toronto Blue Jays, he left dejected.

"Obviously I wish for a better result," he said after giving up a pair of home runs to the New York Yankees, who beat him 3-2 to complete a four-game sweep of the no-longer-fancied Blue Jays.

Dealt to Toronto after going 20-3 and winning the NL Cy Young Award, Dickey (2-4) already has lost more games this year than in all of 2012. The 38-year-old allowed three runs and four hits in seven innings, with four strikeouts and a walk. He's been slowed by soreness in his neck and back.

Toronto (9-17) was swept in a four-game series in which it led every game for the first time since Sept. 19-21, 1995, at old Yankee Stadium. The Blue Jays were 4-for-24 with runners in scoring position in the series and struck out 37 times, including 13 Sunday.

"You want me to go out there and hit or something?" manager John Gibbons said. "I couldn't hit when I played."

Half of New York's hits on Sunday were homers.

Brennan Boesch sent a drive into the first row of the right-field seats in the second inning. After Toronto took a 2-1 lead against Phil Hughes on Lind's RBI single in the fourth and Izturis' run-scoring double off the base of the right-field wall in the sixth, the Yankees overcame a deficit for the fourth straight day when Lyle Overbay hit a two-run homer in the seventh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York Yankee Lyle Overbay, left, rounds the bases following his two-run home run off of Toronto Blue Jays pitcher R.A. Dickey on Sunday in New York. JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

Early struggles

GM not yet in panic mode

Sunday was the Jays' 17th game decided by two or fewer runs. They've won only six of those close games.

"We're right in every game, we just can't get that big win," lamented manager John Gibbons.

Before Sunday's game, Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos said he's confident his team will turn things around.

"It's going to get better and I still expect us to be a contending team," he said when given an opportunity to convey a message to an anxious fan base.

The defence is improved, the bats are warming up, the team just needs to get on a roll, Anthopoulos said. "Just based on players' careers, there's going to be improvement in a lot of areas and that's going to lead to more wins." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

AHL

Marlies go up 2-0 on Americans

It took just two playoff games for Drew MacIntyre to accomplish what he couldn't do in 21 regular-season games for the Toronto Marlies — record his first shutout.

MacIntyre made 25 saves as the Toronto Marlies beat the Rochester Americans 2-0 on Sunday in Game 2 of their American Hockey League first-round series.

Jerry D'Amigo and Mike Zigomanis each scored their first goals of the playoffs to give Toronto a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five first round series. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hockey

Canada tops U.S. to capture U18 title

Canada has ended four years of American dominance at the world under-18 men's hockey championship.

Frederik Gauthier's second-period goal stood as the winner as Canada rallied past the United States 3-2 to win the world title.

The Americans had a 2-1 lead at the midway point of the game and outshot the Canadians for all three periods 35-12.

Laurent Dauphin and Madison Bowey also scored for Canada, while Nick Baptiste had a pair of assists. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coming up short

"We're not in the playoffs, so we all underperformed."

General manager Paul Holmgren on Sunday commenting on his Philadelphia Flyers who failed to make the NHL playoffs for the first time since 2007 and only the second time since 1995.

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Heat light up Bucks in 4-0 sweep

Chris Bosh of the Miami Heat puts in a reverse dunk against the Milwaukee Bucks in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series Sunday in Milwaukee. The Heat won 88-77 to sweep the series 4-0. JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

NBA playoffs.
Miami earns milestone without Dwyane Wade, who will have at least a week to rest a bruised knee

LeBron James can cross another item off his to-do list.

James scored 30 points, Ray Allen had another big game against his old team and the Miami Heat got their first playoff sweep in the Big Three era, advancing to the Eastern Conference semifinals with an 88-77 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Sunday.

"It was our next big step as far as our growth," James said.

Faith in King James

"We just space the floor and see if they can stop him. If not, he knows where we are."

Miami Heat guard Ray Allen on his teammate LeBron James

"It's so hard to win on the road in the playoffs, in someone's building — especially when someone is playing for their last life. It's a big step for us."

And now the Heat have some much-needed time to rest. Dwyane Wade sat out Sunday's game, only the second post-season game he's missed in his career, because of his aching right knee. But with Miami not playing until next Saturday, at the earliest, he'll have plenty of time to treat the three bone bruises that caused him to miss six games near the end of the regular season.

Miami plays the winner of the Brooklyn-Chicago series. The Bulls lead that series 3-1, with Game 5 on Monday night in New York.

"It's big," Wade said of the time off. "Obviously, we're one of the oldest teams in the league, maybe the oldest team in terms of rotation players. Guys have some bumps and bruises coming out of this series, so it's going to be great to get some rest. But also we have to take this time to continue to stay sharp, to continue to stay in shape, as well."

Judging by the clinical way in which the Heat dissected the Bucks in this series, that isn't likely to be a problem.

The defending NBA champions won each game by double digits, getting contributions from their stars and subs alike. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Celtics vs. Knicks

Jason Terry scored Boston's last nine points and the Celtics weathered a strong comeback by the New York Knicks, avoiding a sweep with a 97-90 overtime win on Sunday.

- Paul Pierce led the Celtics with 29 points as they forced a fifth game in the series.
- Carmelo Anthony led the Knicks with 36 points.
- Game 5 is Wednesday night in New York, where the Knicks can win their first playoff series in 13 years.

NBA

Michael Jordan wedding draws sports elite

Michael Jordan got married over the weekend in front of a few hundred of his family and closest friends.

The Charlotte Bobcats owner exchanged vows with 35-year-old former model Yvette Prieto on Saturday in Palm Beach, Fla., Jordan's manager Estee Portnoy told The Associated Press Sunday

The wedding took place at the Episcopal Church of Bethesda-by-the-Sea with nearly 300 guests in attendance, including Tiger Woods, Patrick Ewing, Spike Lee and Ahmad Rashad.

The ceremony was followed by a reception at the Bear's Club in Jupiter, Fla., a luxurious private golf club designed by Jack Nicklaus. Jordan, 50, owns a home near the course.

The six-time NBA champion and Prieto met five years ago and were engaged last December. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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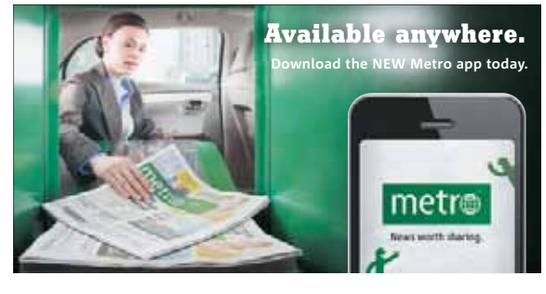

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
It's not like you to be so openly affectionate but someone seems to have fired up your passion. Whatever the reason for the sudden upsurge of loving feelings it's something you should do more often.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There are so many wonderful aspects operating in your favor now that all things are possible. Wishes you made in the past that came to nothing WILL come true this week.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you need to give your self-confidence a boost ask a friend what they think of your latest creative project. Most likely they will praise it to the skies and your ego will go through the roof too.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
What a loved one tells you today may be interesting but you would be wise not to take it too seriously. It could be that they have been mislead, so check the facts carefully.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You could meet someone interesting today, but only if you make the effort to get out and about. You could also be the beneficiary of a stroke of good fortune you probably don't deserve.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you make a few small and apparently insignificant savings now you won't have to make so many major sacrifices later on. As a Virgo you are supposed to be organized.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Tell someone how you feel about them today — provided, of course, your feelings are warm and generous. Don't put it off a moment longer.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may want to help a colleague who clearly is in need of assistance but if you have already helped them several times in the recent past maybe you should let them suffer. It may be the only way they learn.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You are in an unusually loving mood at the moment and long may it continue. However, don't be so loving that you forget that not everyone shares your natural generosity.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be unsure of your abilities but others have faith in you and will go out of their way to show it today. If they ask you to get up in front of an audience be brave and do it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You seem to be everyone's favorite Aquarius at the moment, but don't let it lull you into a false sense of security. You still have some big issues to deal with and some big rivals to overcome.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
The next few days are going to be very busy indeed, not only in body but in mind as well. New ideas will grab your attention and new opportunities will tempt you to try something different. So try. SALLY BROMPTON

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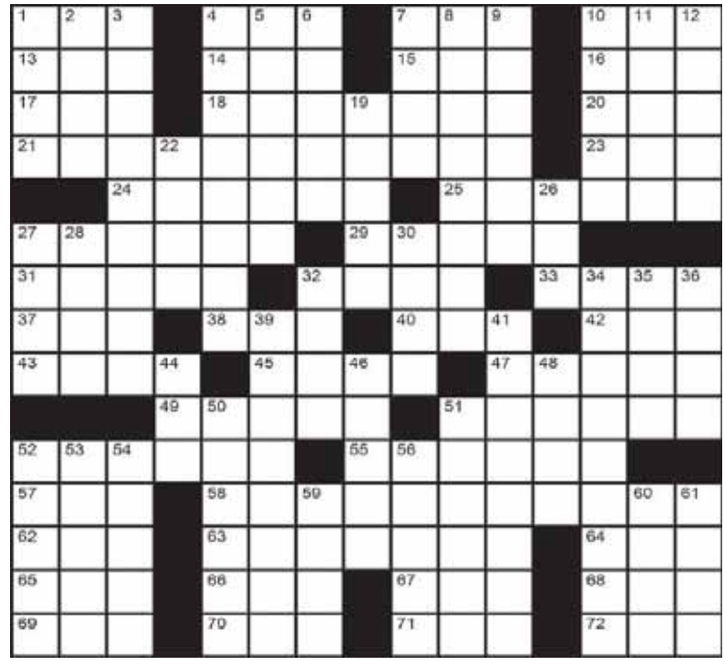

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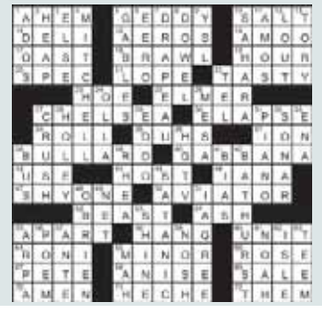
14. Crawling plant
15. Iron's partner
16. 'Percent' suffix
17. Wetland
18. __ Triangle
20. Company name abbr.
21. New Brunswick's provincial capital
23. Headed
24. __ Globetrotters
25. Crunchy veggie
27. Canadian actor Henry of ABC's "Revenge"
29. Milk carton size
31. Raccoon-like animal
32. Dean Martin's nickname
33. Twirled
37. Pay-when-received [acronym]
38. House siding material, for short
40. Airport screen abbr.
42. Maritime workers' org.
43. "__ __ Excited" by The Pointer Sisters
45. Overlook
47. Master of ceremonies
49. Safety __ (Accessibility aids)
51. Bicycle wheel parts
52. Residential area
55. On the beach
57. 'Cond' completer (Excuse)
58. Telemarketing workplaces: 2 wds.
62. Thespian's verb
63. Garden's lattice work
64. Little devil
65. Boring routine
66. 'Glycer' suffix
67. 'Mod' suffix
68. Ms. Peeples
69. Barn abode
70. Lettuce variety
71. Some univ. degrees
72. Axl Rose's rock gr.

Down
1. Annoy
2. Actress Ms. Ferrera, for short
3. 1993 Dan Aykroyd comedy in which he reprised his Beldar character from "Saturday Night Live"
4. Offshore oil platform in the Jeanne d'Arc Basin of Newfoundland's Grand Banks
5. The __ Brothers
6. High nest [var. sp.]
7. Boxing match
8. George Clooney, on TV: acr. + wd.
9. More svelte
10. Montreal's Place __ Marie
11. Adjust
12. Toy bear
19. Old Rome's 1951
22. Dash
26. WKRP employee
27. Gladiator's 301
28. Move quickly
30. __ the finish: 2 wds.
32. Toss away
34. __ Nuclear (Generating station east of Toronto)
35. 1997 Peter Fonda title role
36. Rob Roy's refusals
39. Guy __ and His Royal Canadians
41. Answers: French
44. Q. "What's the 21st letter?" A. "Hmmm... either T __ _."
46. "Love __ __ you need." - The Beatles
48. Beetle Bailey creator Mr. Walker
50. North Pole's __ Ocean
51. Canadian actress Ms. McCarthy
52. Goes parasailing
53. Not-mowed grass
54. Actress Ms. White
56. _ __ 7 (Brit pop group)
59. Some brand name jeans
60. Scale with one sharp, _ __.
61. Box

Friday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

7		5				3		4
	9		8		4		2	
4			9		3			5
		6	4		9	2		
		4	7		2	1		
1			3		8			6
	7		2		6		4	
3		9				8		2

Friday's Sudoku

7	2	8	9	6	1	3	4	5
4	3	1	2	8	5	6	7	9
5	9	6	7	4	3	8	1	2
6	8	3	5	1	7	2	9	4
9	4	5	6	2	8	7	3	1
2	1	7	4	3	9	5	8	6
1	5	4	8	7	2	9	6	3
3	7	2	1	9	6	4	5	8
8	6	9	3	5	4	1	2	7

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